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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S1998/849)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 748 (1992) CONCERNING THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

3.30 p.m.	88th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	4th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
4 p.m.	5th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications:

Indonesia
Austria
India
Uruguay
Germany
United States
Japan
Ghana
Cuba
Islamic Republic of Iran
Norway
Nigeria
Canada
Mexico
Netherlands
Bangladesh
Senegal
Kazakhstan
Republic of Korea
Jamaica
Pakistan
Philippines
Denmark
China
Thailand
Guyana
Algeria
Kenya
Turkey
Maldives
Belarus
Brazil
Morocco
Viet Nam
Egypt
Russian Federation
Malaysia
Argentina
Bolivia
Ukraine
Lesotho
United Republic of Tanzania
Uganda
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/C.1/53/1, A/C.1/53/CRP.1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/C.4/53/1, A/C.4/53/L.1)

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	193rd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Membership and composition of the Committee (operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997)
2. Other matters

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Executive session on the Development Account

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations will be suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

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High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)

Informal panels

In conjunction with the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two informal panels will be held in Conference Room 2, the first *today*, 17 September, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the theme of "the economic impact of globalization" and the second *tomorrow*, 18 September, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the theme of "the social impact of globalization." The panellists will be Ms. Susie Castore (Haiti), Ms. Liz Chitiga (Zimbabwe), Mr. Bob Deacon (United Kingdom), Mr. Fan Gang (China), Ms. Carmen Frei (Chile), Ms. Nancie Johnson (United States), Mr. Kamande Muiruri (Kenya), Mr. Stephen Pursey (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions), Mr. Dariusz Rosati (Poland).

Copies of the *World Economic and Social Survey 1998* and seven papers submitted by panellists are available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

Ministerial round tables

As part of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two ministerial round tables will be held *tomorrow*, 18 September. The first round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: national responses" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: international responses" will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. There will be no list of speakers for the round tables.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 17 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the organization of work of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

2 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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Briefing

The Office of the Iraq Programme will hold a briefing on the practical aspects of oil-for-food contract processing, from submission of applications through payment for humanitarian supplies, as well as for the parts and equipment to enable Iraq to increase the export of petroleum and petroleum products. The meeting will be held *today*, 17 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 and is open to all interested Member and Observer States, United Nations agencies and programmes, and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 18 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

5 p.m.	6th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee will be open for inscription on Monday, 21 September 1998. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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T HIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for ***all items*** allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Bureau and to consider the organization of its work. A document on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/53/L.1) and the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/53/L.2) will be issued shortly.

Delegations are invited to collect from the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (room S-2633) relevant preliminary information regarding the status of preparedness of documentation and the proposed programme of work.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

An inter-agency consultative meeting will take place on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

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Ministerial meeting

The Ministerial Meeting of countries participating in the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 16 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3927th meeting

The situation in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (S/1998/318)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/852, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations. He also drew attention to the text of an agreed statement by the President.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/852).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/852) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1196 (1998).

The President then made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/28).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey) and Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee. Mr. Vladimir Gerus (Belarus) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), and Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Organization of work

The Committee had before it documents A/53/250 and A/C.2/53/L.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made some oral amendments to the programme of work, as contained in document A/C.2/53/L.1.

A statement was made by the representative of the Philippines.

The Committee then approved the programme of work, as orally revised, with the understanding that additional changes could be made during the course of the Committee's deliberations.

THIRD COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Roger Stephen Ball (New Zealand), Mr. Luis Fernando Carranza-Cifuentes (Guatemala) and Ms. Victoria Sandru (Romania) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Hassan Kassem Najem (Lebanon) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/53/250, as well as the proposed organization of work (document A/C.3/53/L.1), the status of documentation before the Committee which was circulated in an informal paper, and General Assembly resolution 50/206C on control and limitation of documentation.

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Committee approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/53/L.1, as amended.

The Committee agreed to set the following time limits for statements in the general discussion: 7 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 15 minutes for spokespersons of groups of delegations. It was also agreed that this time limit would apply to the Secretariat.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 regarding interventions in exercise of the right of reply and points of order.

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives to present their reports to the Committee at the present session under agenda items 106, 108, 109 and 110.

Delegations were informed that the list of speakers was open for all items and that they should inscribe at the earliest possible date with the Secretary of the Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of the Bureau

The Committee elected Mrs. Socorro Flores Liera of Mexico as a Vice-Chairman.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/53/L.1.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 51/210 and 52/165, the Committee set up a Working Group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by resolution 51/210 and elected H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada) to chair this Working Group and decided that the Working Group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, would be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/157, the Committee decided to reestablish the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law. Mrs. Socorro Flores Liera of Mexico was elected to chair the Working Group.

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International Human Rights Instruments

TENTH MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1998

5th and 6th meetings

Servicing of the treaty bodies [8]

Reservations to the human rights treaties [9]

Assistance to small developing States [11]

Information technolgoy [12]

The meeting considered the items.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Belgium (15 September 1998)*

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, concluded at Vienna on 23 May 1969

Accession: Myanmar (16 September 1998)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Accession: Equatorial Guinea (September 1998)*

Ratification: Burkina Faso (16 September 1998)*

Entry into force of the Convention: 1 March 1999, in accordance with article 17 (1) of the Convention.

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, adopted at Kyoto on 11 December 1997

Signature: Cook Islands (16 September 1998)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Security announcement

The Security and Safety Service will convene a briefing for the Permanent and Observer Missions *today*, 17 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council. The subject of the meeting will be security arrangements for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 17 September 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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